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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 20 November 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick,  
[redacted] Sheldon, [redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted a cable in the State Department Summary respecting the status of the U. S. Military Mission to Guatemala, and stated it would be a mistake to withdraw this Mission at this time. Mr. Wisner said that pursuant to DDCI's instructions he had discussed this matter with Under Secretary of State Smith who was in complete agreement with our recommendations that this activity should remain and, in fact, its composition should be strengthened by the substitution of a limited number of officers having real competence and background. (NOTE: A memorandum of DD/P's conversation with General Smith on this subject has been furnished DCI and DDCI.)

b. Noted the first item in the Log for 19 - 20 November, and asked [redacted] to furnish him further background information on this subject and also determine the cause of the delay in this information being brought to his (DCI's) attention.

c. Noted a cable [redacted] and asked [redacted] to release a copy of this message to DD/I (Mr. Sheldon) for an evaluation of the information contained in paragraph 6. (This has been done.)

Mr. Wisner:

a. Reported that our briefing for the JCS was now firm for 2:00 p.m. on 25 November. The Director noted he would be at the OCB Meeting at that time, and asked if this briefing could be started at 2:30 p.m. The Director said if this was impossible General Cabell would have to "kick it off" and he would join the briefing as soon after the OCB Meeting as possible. (NOTE: Subsequent to the Meeting it was decided not to change the time of the briefing.)

b. Reported that General Erskine had been designated as the point of contact in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for intelligence matters of interest to the Department of Defense and in particular items dealing with NSC 10/2 and 10/5, and NSCID 9. [redacted] said this might present a problem if General Erskine and his staff decided to go direct to the various components of this Agency rather than to a designated point of contact, noting that such a point of contact had been established for the other members of the intelligence community. The Director stated there was no reason why the Office of Special Operations, Office of the Secretary of Defense, should not use this channel and asked that he be furnished a copy of the Directive outlining the duties of General Erskine's office. This has been done.

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Security Information

Colonel White:

Noted that the Senate and House Appropriations Committees had requested the Bureau of the Budget for all information pertaining to the transfer of funds from one Government agency to another. After some discussion it was agreed that such reports pertaining to CIA funds would be furnished only those members of these Committees who were present at our budget hearings. Colonel White undertook to pass this along to Mr. Macy.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Reported that Thruston Morton had agreed [ ] in their (State's) notification to the field of impending visits by individual Members of Congress and/or Congressional Committees.

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Referred to a cable [ ] and recommended that in view of the sensitive source of the information contained therein future distribution of cables from this source to the Administration Building be one copy only to the Executive Assistant to the Director who would bring it to the attention of the DCI, DDCI and DD/P.

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